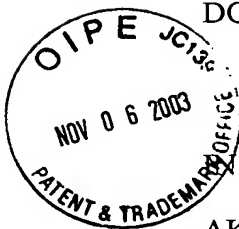


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This communication is supplemental to the preliminary amendment filed October 10, 2003.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, and 8-10 are pending in the present application. No claims are amended, added or canceled by the present amendment.

In the amendment filed October 10, 2003, Applicants indicated an English translation of the claimed foreign priority document JP 2000-290920 would be filed to overcome the rejection of Claims 5, 6, and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Jeong. Accordingly, enclosed is the English translation of JP 2000-290920.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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